Rama Varmha Tampuran:—It is a demonstration plot. I do not think that there are any Taluk Farms here.

Dr. A. R. Menon—deporting of.

180. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any truth in the rumour that the Government is contemplating to deport Dr. A. R. Menon, M. L. C., from the Cochin State;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (a).

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval:—After all, was there any rumour at all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— The Hon'ble Member who put the question can answer it well.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— I never ask a question without any foundation. I know the responsibilities of an Hon'ble Member of this House and I have done it. It had been a bazaar talk.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval:—May I know whether in the Government's knowledge there has been any such rumour?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Government does not go about hunting after rumours.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Has any other step been taken against him as an undesirable element?

President:—The question is whether there is any truth in the rumour that Dr. A. R. Menon is going to be deported.

Levy of Excise duty on matches.

181. **E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when did the British Government begin to levy excise duty on matches?

(2) when did our Government begin to collect it;

(3) the reasons for the delay in beginning the collection;

(4) the probable loss the Government is put to on account of the delay?

Mr. M. P. Cherian:—(1) From 1st April 1934.

(2) From 4th August 1934.

(3) The question of the State's co-operating in the scheme was finally decided only early in May last and urgent steps had to be taken to enact legislation on the lines of the

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Government of India Act. There has been no unnecessary delay.

(4) It is not possible to say what the probable loss would be, since it would depend upon the net revenue available for division among the various parties who have joined in the scheme.

Mr. E Ikkanda Warriar:—May I know the approximate average monthly income collected under this head.

Mr. M P. Cherian:—Up-to-date we have collected about Rs. 79,000.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:-May I know the monthly average?

Mr. M. P. Cherian:—In Kanni we collected Rs. 6,000, Thulam 15,000, Vrischigam 26,000 and Dhanu 30,000.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—After the State decided to co-operate with the scheme of collection, what steps did they take except the passing of the Proclamation?

Mr. M. P. Cherian:—Some enquiries were made. There were objections from the manufacturers in giving retrospective effect and it had also to be ascertained whether any Legislation was necessary.

Dr. A. R. Menon:—Did the Government sustain any loss by delaying to levy this duty?

Mr M. P. Cherian:—We have not sustained any loss but we may not be gaining anything.

Mr. Joseph Pettah:—Was it not only fair that some time should be given between the date of intimation and actual date of collection?

St. Mary's Malayalam School, Chellanam.

182. Mr. P. Krishna Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a teacher of the above-said school was suspended at the instance of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies;

(b) was any explanation taken from the said teacher before suspending him;

(c) how did the case against him terminate in the court of first instance;

(d) was he not re-instated at the instance of the Headmaster after the disposal of the case in the first court;

(e) was he again suspended;

(f) has any explanation been taken from him up to this date;

(g) how long has he been under suspension?

Mr. I N. Menon:—(a) A teacher was suspended, but not at the instance of the Registrar.

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